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SUBJECT: INCLUSION OF USS LONG BEACH IN CORAL SEA TASK

GROUP VISIT TO AUSTRALIA

REF: A. CANBERRA 02087 (PASEP); B. CANBERRA 01637(NOTAL)

1. IN RESPONSE TO REFTEL A FOLLOWING POINTS, FOR PRESENTA-  
TION TO DFA, ARE FORWARDED IN REGARD TO USG POSITION ON  
NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND THEIR ASSOCIATION WITHUS NAVAL VESSELS:

A. INFORMATION CONCERNING PRECISE LOCATION OF NUCLEAR  
WEAPONS IS SENSITIVE INFORMATION.

B. IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO MAINTAIN THE PROTECTION OF  
THIS CLASSIFICATION IF WE WERE TOISSUE DENIALS, SINCE CU-  
MULATIVE DENIALS COULD INDIRECTLY REVEALLOCATION.

C. ACCORDINGLY, USG LONGSTANDING POLICY HAS BEEN TO  
NEITHER CONFIRM NOR DENY THE PRESENCE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS ON

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BOARD ANY REPEAT ANY TYPE OF US NAVAL WARSHIP.

D. THIS POLICY IS CONSISTENT WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ATOMIC ENERGY ACT, AS USG HAS LONG REATED THE LOCATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AS FORMERLY RESTRICTED DATA.

2. AS EMBASSY IS WELL AWARE, A WARSHIP'S ARMAMENT IS NOT DETERMINED BY MODE OF PROPULSION. THE CLEAR DISTINCTION THA EXISTS BETWEEN NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND NUCLEAR PROPULSION SHOULD AGAIN BE POINTED OUT TO DFA.

3. FYI. AS A RESULT OF REQUEST BY DEFMIN BARNARD TO DEPSECDEF CLEMENTS REPORTED IN REFTTEL B, NAVY HAS CANCELLED PLANS TO INCLUDE LONG BEACH IN REQUEST FOR TASK GROUP VISIT DURING CORAL SEA CELEBRATION. PRIOR TO POSSIBLE RECONSIDERATION OF INCLUDING LONG BEACH IN TASK GROUP VISIT, YOUR CURRENT ASSESSMENT OF PROSPECTS FOR APPROVAL OF LONG BEACH VISIT IS REQUESTED. IN THIS CONNECTION, NO NUCLEAR POWERED SURFACE WARSHIPS ARE SCHEDULED TO BE DEPLOYED TO WESTPAC FROM JUNE 75 TO MAY 76.  
END FYI. INGERSOLL

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